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March 8, 2012

Mr. Chet Madison, Sr.
President, EGUSD Board of Education
Robert L. Trigg Education Center
9510 Elk Grove-Florin Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Dear Mr. Madison:

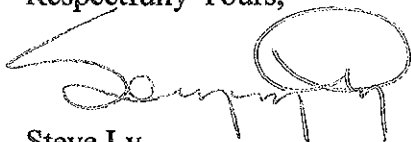
A decade ago, I was honored when Elk Grove parents and community members asked and supported me in running a campaign for a seat on this very school board. Although we were not successful in gaining a seat, we were successful in bringing to light some of the concerns, and having them subsequently addressed by the Board and Superintendent. Ten years more experienced and wiser, with two of my own children and wife as a teacher in this great district, I would like to request the opportunity to serve and give back to the community. I would like to be considered for the appointment of Elk Grove Unified School District Trustee, Area 6.

Unlike many nations in the world, a free education is not an ideal, but a reality in America. As a parent and community member, I would like to see this reality remain and increase in all of its opportunities, found in a good, solid education. Having experienced the lack of education first-hand, I know that had my family not made the decision to come to the United States, I would not have had the opportunity of completing college or law school. Not only do I bring personal understanding to the importance of education, but having worked as a school violence prevention specialist, anti-bullying consultant, and currently as a foster youth instructional case manager, I have the knowledge and background to work directly with school personnel, students, educators, parents, and state agencies. In addition, my experience of sitting on various leadership councils and boards further demonstrates my ability to connect with all communities and their constituents.

The fondest memories I have of living in America are connected to schools and education. As a working professional, this connection to education is even more profound as I find myself playing a role in its realm. My role in education, in its varying capacities, is one where I do not want to run from, but embrace and broaden. Therefore, if appointed, as a Board member, I am confident that I will be able to contribute to and continue Elk Grove Unified School District's legacy of excellence.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my application for the appointment of Elk Grove Unified School District Trustee, Area 6. I look forward to hearing from you to schedule an interview to further discuss my qualifications. I may be reached at 916.717.3827 and/or stevely@comcast.net.

Respectfully Yours,



Steve Ly

Enclosure: Resume
 Letters of Support

STEVE LY

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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Jurisprudence (2012)
University of Northern California Law School

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (1996)
Certified Minor in Sociology
University of California at Davis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Instructional Case Manager-Foster Youth Services, County Office of Education, Sacramento, CA

Maintain caseload of up to 40 foster youth students across multiple school districts. Conduct mini-lesson training for foster/biological parents and students during school and/or home visits. Establish and maintain cooperative working relationship with stakeholders, including foster parents, school officials, social workers, and legal counsel for the purposes of IEP, SST, TDM, and hearings. Inform and train foster parents, county/FFA social workers, and school personnel on applicable Special Education processes (i.e. 504 plan, IEP, SST, SARB, SART, Manifestation Hearings, BSP) and current laws (i.e. AB 490, AB 167, etc.). Follow-up contacts and maintain accurate and up-to-date records; maintain cultural awareness and sensitivity to diverse populations; work independently, as well as in a team environment; utilize interactive databases, including entering and retrieving data. Monitor grades, attendance, and behavior to establish long-term mentoring relationships with students to improve their academic performance and personal outcomes. Maintain and inform partner agencies of CST scores, grades, attendance, IEP, 504 Plan, BSP, and educational rights holder. Assist in planning and operating annual countywide foster youth Sly Park camping trip. (2007- present)

Positive VIBE Consultant, County Office of Education, Sacramento, CA

Promoted countywide anti-bullying program (Positive VIBE). Assisted in developing anti-bullying education workshops in all Sacramento County's sixteen school districts through interest-based collaboration with law enforcement and school officials. Conducted countywide workshops for school staff and parents on bullying prevention. (2006- 2007)

Substitute Teacher, Elk Grove Unified School District, CA

Taught students in grades K-12. Followed and implemented lesson plans. Managed students and classrooms of various grade levels, academic disciplines and abilities. (2007)

Executive Director, Principal Agency Administrator, Asian Resources, Inc., Sacramento, CA

Managed \$1.8 million budget; recruited and supervised 26 member staff at three different sites. Served as the agency's official spokesperson and representative to the public. Negotiated and procured contracts with governmental and private funding agencies. Provided services focused on employment or workforce development programs, addressing youth employment, dislocated workers, limited English proficient population, and refugees/immigrants. Established new departments and contracts focusing on language access, youth development, and refugee health navigation. Fundraised and organized events. Institutionalized programs through governmental grants. Procured 33% (\$600,000) of agency's budget in a period of less than one year. (2005-2006)

Project Specialist II (Program Administrator), Project SAVE, County Office of Education, Sacramento, CA

Recruited, managed, and supervised 23 peace officers from Sacramento Police, Sheriff, and Probation in the facilitation of violence prevention classes for adolescent first-time offenders and their parents (Project SAVE classes). Worked extensively with a policy advisory board in program governance. Worked with foster parents for continued certification and provided service to foster children. Institutionalized Project SAVE in the local juvenile justice system through marketing and media promotion. Successful expansion efforts yielded the Family Support Project (parenting classes) and the new Positive VIBE (anti-bullying classes). Responsible for instigating AB 1626 to enact the statewide-California SAVE Program designed to address school safety in the areas of zero tolerance, violence, and weapons on school campuses. Provided support to countywide school administrators and peace officers on the alternatives of juvenile adjudication. Appointed to organize and establish a Countywide Hmong Refugee Education Collaborative. Staffed self-sustaining fundraising efforts for various youth development programs, i.e. Annual Golf Tournament and Fund Development. (1997- 2005)

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

- School Site Council Member, Carroll Elementary School, Elk Grove Unified School District
- Council Member, California State Advisory Council on Refugee Assistance and Services (SAC)
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Community Advisory Board (CAB)
- Superintendent's Blue Ribbon Commission, Sacramento City Unified School District
- Vice President, Board of Directors, Hmong Women Heritage Association
- Vice President, Fund Development (Board of Directors), Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT)
- Chair, County Hmong Refugee Education Collaborative
- School Community Policing Partnership Advisory Committee
- Clan Council Planning Committee- A Restorative Justice Project, Asian Legal Service Organization and Legal Services of Northern California
- Hmong/Mien Youth Violence Prevention Task Force
- Member, Sacramento County Refugee Task Force
- Board Member, Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) Voter Education Forum
- Education Board Member, Hmong Lee Association
- Board of Directors, Hmong Organization for Parents Educators and Students, Inc. (HOPES)
- Mediator, Sacramento Mediation Center in Partnership with the County Probation Department
- Hmong Organizing for Change, Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT)
- Asian Pacific American Advisory Committee of Sacramento City Unified School District

PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Keynote Presenter, Annual Sacramento State University Hmong Student Conference
- Presenter, Sacramento County Probation "Trading Secrets" Restorative Justice Conference
- Testified before the Education Committee, California State Assembly, AB 1626
- Keynote Presenter, Eighth Annual UC Davis High School Outreach Conference
- Presenter, HOPES Capital Regional Hmong Conference
- Presenter, Third Annual Multicultural Family Violence Prevention Conference
- Presenter, California Attorney General's Grantee Conference, Project SAVE
- Co-presenter, State Juvenile Officer's Conference
- Presenter, Sacramento County School Board Association
- Presenter, Sacramento County Criminal Justice Cabinet
- Presenter, Sacramento County Superintendents' Council

SPECIAL SKILLS:

- Fund development experience in grassroots and institutionalized efforts
- Formal training and experience in media, marketing, and public relations
- Procuring grants and writing proposals
- Building and managing budgets
- Supervision of professional staff
- Youth and program development
- Multitasking and working with diverse cultures
- Extensive public speaking experience
- Trained in mediation and restorative justice
- Computer and Internet Fluency
- Experience in legal research and analytical reasoning
- Bilingual: Hmong and English

AWARDS:

- KVIE Local Hero of 2006
- California State Senate Award for organizing Citizenship Day
- Hmong University Student Association Speaker Award
- John Lidster Legal Scholarship Award
- California State Assembly and Senate Commendation for the success of Project SAVE
- Asian Pacific Bar Association Scholarship Awards
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day of Peace-Sacramento County Probation Department
- School Violence Prevention Award-Sacramento County Juvenile Court and Criminal Justice Cabinet
- Sacramento Superior Court Youth Violence Prevention Award

REFERENCES:

Available Upon Request

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David W. Gordon
Superintendent

March 5, 2012

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Elk Grove Unified School District
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Elk Grove, CA 95624

Dear Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Steve Ly's application for appointment to the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) Board. I have known Steve for more than eight years and he has worked under my direction on our Foster Youth Services team for nearly six years. Steve is a man of strong character, dedication to children, and commitment to public education. I believe that he would make an outstanding board member.

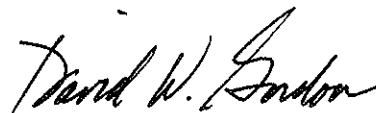
Steve has long been a highly respected leader in the Hmong/Mien community, working on education, violence prevention and health care. He has also been an active parent volunteer in the EGUSD.

Here in the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) Steve has served as an Instructional Case Manager (ICM) on our innovative Foster Youth Services team. Since 2007, the ICMs have worked effectively with middle and high school age foster youth to help them get the right classes to prepare them for academic success and entry into college. Steve has been a leader in designing and implementing this program.

Above all, Steve is dedicated to young people and to building his community. He is bright, thoughtful, a good listener and a person of great integrity. I believe that he would make an outstanding addition to your already distinguished board.

Please call me at 804.5660 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



David W. Gordon
Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools

DWG/cjm





Carroll Elementary School

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Paul Hauder, Principal
Freda Robinson, Vice Principal

March 2, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Steve Ly, candidate for a seat on the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education. I am especially excited by Mr. Ly's decision to run for this position as I know him to have a rich background of experience that I believe will serve our district well should he be the candidate selected to fill this position.

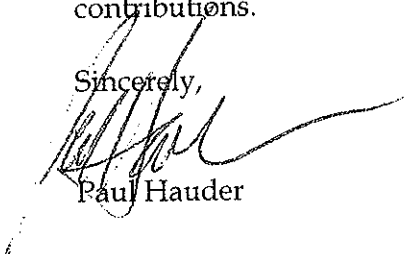
Mr. Ly is an active member of our school community. He has participated in many school functions and, as a parent, has been involved in supporting our school in numerous ways. A significant contribution was Mr. Ly's nomination and election to our school site council in 2008. During the three years he served on the council, Mr. Ly demonstrated again and again the qualities that I believe will make him an excellent addition to the EGUSD School Board: knowledge of our business, patience and tact in dealing with people and the ability to ask insightful questions about the work we do.

Mr. Ly has a wealth of other experience that will enrich the viewpoint of the school board, as well. His work with disenfranchised populations—foster youth and youthful offenders, for example—will bring a unique perspective to the work of the board. In addition to administering programs in these two areas, he has played a key role in education for parents and guardians involved with these youth. His connection to the Hmong community—as well the fact that he is bilingual Hmong/English—could potentially impact our district's positive involvement and success rate with this often neglected sub-group.

I am not alone in thinking that Mr. Ly's experience and talents are noteworthy and valuable. The many recognitions and awards he has received certify that his work is honored by those whom he has served over the years.

I believe we can benefit from this experience, as well. I urge you to carefully consider appointing Mr. Ly to this important role. I know our community will be pleased with his contributions.

Sincerely,



Paul Hauder